Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Page 2: Please amend the paragraph containing the priority information as follows:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Serial No.

08/895,612, filed July 16, 1997 (now ~~copending~~U.S. Patent 6,307,868, issued October 23, 2001),

invented by Selim Shlomo Rakib and Yehuda Azenkot, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S.

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Patent 6,307,868, issued Marched 12, 2002), invented by Selim Shlomo Rakib and Yehuda

Azenkot which was a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Serial No.

08/616,071, filed March 14, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,745,837, issued April 28, 1998), invented by

Amir Fuhrmann and a continuation-inpart of U.S patent application Serial No. 08/588,650, filed

January 19, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,793,759, issued August 11, 1998), invented by Selim Shlomo

Rakib and Yehuda Azenkot, which was a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent

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1998), invented by Selim Shlomo Rakib and Yehuda Azenkot the contents of all of which are

hereby incorporated by reference. This application is also a continuation-in-part application of a

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08/760,412 filed December 4, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,991,308, issued November 23, 1999),

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